PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI et al.

Division of Application No.: 10/041,566

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SLIDER OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD (AS

AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Title;

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

Please replace the title as follows:

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SLIDER OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD